

A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH
ARTHUR E. FERDINAND, FULTON
COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER AND
FULTON COUNTY FOR THE BILLING AND
COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR
THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND FOR THE
ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Fulton County through its Board of Commissioners unilaterally terminated the International Agreements dated February 5, 1969 and June 19, 1969 which provided for the Fulton County Tax Commissioner to collect property taxes for the City of Atlanta and Atlanta Public Schools and Sanitary Charges for the City of Atlanta in both Fulton and DeKalb Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Tax Commissioner has agreed to a contract for the collection of property taxes for that part of the city falling within Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the billing and collection contracts provide for a due date 45 days from the date the tax bills are postmarked and a collection charge equal to \$.95 per account as compensation to the Tax Commissioner; and.

WHEREAS, under current State law, the City is responsible for providing for the collection of property taxes for the Atlanta Public Schools. And the School Board has requested there be no lapse in arrangements for collecting school property taxes, specifically requesting that a contract be in place as of January 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the contract executed with Fulton County in the billing and collection of 1999 property taxes terminated December 31, 1999.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Atlanta, Georgia that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into an appropriate contractual agreement with Fulton County and Arthur E. Ferdinand, Fulton County Tax Commissioner for the billing and collection of 2000 property taxes on behalf of the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Public Schools for that part of the City lying within Fulton County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract with the Fulton County Tax Commissioner adheres to Section 48-5-359.1. of the OCGA; which states: *...Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the tax commissioner is authorized to contract for and to accept, receive, and retain compensation from the municipality for such additional duties and responsibilities in addition to that compensation provided by law to be paid to the tax commissioner by the county.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract with Arthur E. Ferdinand the Fulton County Tax Commissioner, shall provide compensation at the rate of \$.95 for each account billed and shall continue in effect for the complete period of time that Arthur E. Ferdinand occupies the Office of the Tax Commissioner or until terminated by either party by giving 60 days written notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contractual agreement be effective as of January 1, 2000, once it has been signed by the Mayor and delivered to Fulton County.